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THE LEGACY OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

Historical Facts about Wilson County Public Library

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Library Established

1939

Notable Librarians

Nancy Gray was the county's first librarian. She started her job in 1939.

First Bookmobile

The first bookmobile was established in 1942. It was built by Marshall Daniel and donated by Hackney Brothers of Wilson.

Important Facts

The library was built as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project. There is a plaque in the foyer of the library that reads: "Federal Works Agency. Public Works Administration. John M. Carmody. Federal Works Administration. Franklin D. Roosevelt. President United States. Wilson County Public Library 1939"

Notable Stories

Wilson County Public Library's more famous patrons include former Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. and Betty Rae McCain, former head of the Department of Cultural Resources.